

the Republic of Turkey to safeguard its Christian heritage and to return confiscated church properties.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Fallen Heroes of 9/11 Act: H.R. 3421, to award Congressional Gold Medals in honor of the men and women who perished as a result of the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001;

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United States Marshals Service 225th Anniversary Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 886, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service;

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Iran Threat Reduction Act of 2011: H.R. 1905, amended, to strengthen Iran sanctions laws for the purpose of compelling Iran to abandon its pursuit of nuclear weapons and other threatening activities; and

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Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Reform and Modernization Act of 2011: H.R. 2105, amended, to provide for the application of measures to foreign persons who transfer to Iran, North Korea, and Syria certain goods, services, or technology.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appears on page H8745.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and six recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8747–48, H8758, H8758–59, H8759–60, H8760, H8823–24, H8824 and H8824–25. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:37 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held a hearing on H.R. 1823, the “Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

COSTS AND BURDENS OF CIVIL DISCOVERY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing entitled “The Costs and

Burdens of Civil Discovery.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on the following: H.R. 2512, the “Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act”; and H.R. 3479, the “Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011”. Testimony was heard from David Applegate, Associate Director for Natural Hazards, Geological Survey; John Anderson, Seismological Society of America; Mike Pool, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management; Andy Hafen, Mayor, Henderson, Nevada; and public witnesses.

NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1540, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 4, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report and its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered without intervention of any motion except one hour of debate and one motion to recommit if applicable. The rule provides that debate on the conference report is divided pursuant to clause 8(d) of rule XXII.

Section 2 of the resolution provides that it shall be in order at any time through the remainder of the first session of the 112th Congress for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules, as though under clause 1(c) of rule XV, if the text of the measure proposed in a motion is made available on the calendar day before consideration.

Section 3 provides that on any legislative day of the first session of the 112th Congress after December 16, 2011: (1) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; (2) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment; and (3) bills and resolutions introduced during the period addressed by this section shall be numbered, listed in the Congressional Record, and when printed shall bear the date of introduction, but may be referred by the Speaker at a later time.

Section 4 provides that on any legislative day of the second session of the 112th Congress before January 17, 2012: (1) the Speaker may dispense with organizational and legislative business; (2) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved if applicable; and (3) the

Chair at any time may declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

Finally, Section 5 authorizes the Speaker to appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by sections 3 and 4 as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

Testimony was heard from Chairman McKeon and Rep. Smith of Washington.

PUBLIC ALERT SYSTEM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management held a hearing entitled “The Effectiveness of Our Nation’s Public Alert System.” Testimony was heard from Damon Penn, Assistant Administrator, National Continuity Programs Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency; James Arden Barnett, Jr., Rear Admiral (Ret.), Chief, Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau, Federal Communications Commission; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine investor risks in capital raising, 9:30 a.m., SD–538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Business meeting to consider S. 1449, to authorize the appropriation of funds for highway safety programs and for other purposes, S. 1950, to amend title 49, United States Code, to improve commercial motor vehicle safety and reduce commercial motor vehicle-related accidents and fatalities, to authorize the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, S. 1952, to improve hazardous materials transportation safety and for other purposes, S. 1953, to reauthorize the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, to improve transportation research and development, and a promotion list in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure, to hold hearings to examine alternative energy tax incentives, focusing on the effect of short-term extensions on alternative technology investment, domestic manufacturing, and jobs, 9:45 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs, to hold hearings to examine the state of human rights and rule of law in Russia, focusing on United States policy options, 10 a.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Business meeting to consider S. 1855, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize various programs under the Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act, and the nominations of Wendy M. Spencer, of Florida, to be Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, Deepa Gupta, of Illinois, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts, Christopher Merrill, of Iowa, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities, Stephanie Orlando, of New York, and Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, both to be a Member of the National Council on Disability, and a nomination list in the Public Health Service, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Business meeting to consider an original bill entitled, “Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge Act of 2012”, S. 1515, to permit certain members of the United States Secret Service and certain members of the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division who were appointed in 1984, 1985, or 1986 to elect to be covered under the District of Columbia Police and Firefighter Retirement and Disability System in the same manner as members appointed prior to 1984, H.R. 2297, to promote the development of the Southwest waterfront in the District of Columbia, H.R. 789, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 Main Street in Little Ferry, New Jersey, as the “Sergeant Matthew J. Fenton Post Office”, and H.R. 2422, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 45 Bay Street, Suite 2, in Staten Island, New York, as the “Sergeant Angel Mendez Post Office”, 10 a.m., SD–342.

Committee on the Judiciary: To hold an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, hearing entitled “ICANN’s Top-Level Domain Name Program.” 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup of the following: the “Private Mortgage Market Investment Act”; and H.R. 2483, the “Whistleblower Improvement Act of 2011.” 10 a.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled “Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy toward the Evolving Situation in Syria.” 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled “Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law.” 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Full Committee, hearing entitled “The Leadership of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.